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The American Public Communications Council ("APCC") hereby opposes the request for extension of time of the deadline for filing reply comments in the above captioned proceeding of the Personal Communication Industry Association ("PCIA").

To gain an extension of time, as PCIA points out, the Commission's Rules require an emergency. The alleged unavailability of PCIA staff because of their distraction with PCIA's trade show is hardly an emergency under the Commission's Rules. Surely a national trade show of a major trade association has been scheduled for years, certainly months, in advance. The PCIA was certainly aware of this trade show at the time Commission issued the Public Notice in this matter. PCIA clearly was aware of the trade show at the time it filed its comments. Yet PCIA said nothing about the involvement of its

staff preparing for this trade show. This can hardly constitute an "emergency" under the Commission's rules, unless emergencies are now to include planned events.

APCC is not opposed to some modest extension of time, such as two or three days, to accommodate the staff of another trade association engaged in preparing for its trade show. But APCC objects to the ten day extension sought by PCIA and the attempt of PCIA to further protract this proceeding while independent public payphone providers are being denied compensation by the majority of IXC's subject to the Commission's Payphone Orders.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should deny the request for extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,



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